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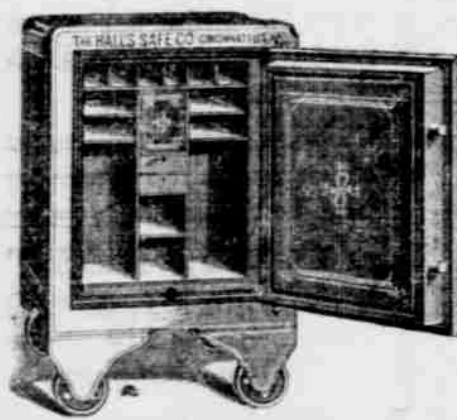
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MARK SMITH'S ATTACK ON DELEGATE CAMERON

CITIZEN POINTS TO RECORD OF
THE LATTER.

Was a Sensible Plan to Secure Statehood, Treachery.

To the Editor of The Republican, Sir:

In the Arizona Democrat of Thursday, was published a letter from Mark Smith, former delegate to congress. The communication is dated Washington, May 25, 1911, and is valuable only in showing the spirit of the writer—in giving him an opportunity to vent his animus toward Delegate Cameron, a feeling which has been apparent in every action of the former delegate ever since the returns of the 1908 elections were received.

It seems to me that it ill befits the former delegate to criticize Mr. Cameron. To question the loyalty of the man who in less than two and one-half years has accomplished infinitely more for the people he represents than did Mr. Smith in the sixteen years he was in Washington—and Kentucky.

Mr. Smith says "Delegate Cameron signed an adverse report on the statehood bill. The report he signed was the very thing that every anti-statehood republican voted for. He cannot excuse himself in any way, except by the direct statement that President Taft had told him he would not sign the resolution. Thus, when he was challenged on the floor of the house, he refused to do, and said it was his opinion Taft would not. Five democratic members of the committee called on Mr. Taft and he told them that this resolution was satisfactory to him; so that leaves Mr. Cameron simply the tool of Hitchcock and the opponents of statehood rather than the representative of the people of Arizona."

The proceedings of the house as given in the Congressional Record show that Delegate Cameron gave, as his reason for supporting the minority resolution, his belief that President Taft would sign the minority resolution. When "challenged" on the floor of the house by Mr. Flood, Mr. Cameron said: "In answer to the gentleman from Virginia, I will state I have said Mr. Taft will, I believe, sign the minority resolution and I feel that I have excellent reasons for holding that opinion."

Questions as to whether the president had said he would not sign the majority resolution caused Mr. Mann of Illinois, the minority leader, to remark: "Everyone knows that the president probably would not sign the resolution."

After the interruptions to his speech had ceased, Mr. Cameron said: "I would say that every indication is that Mr. Taft will not sign the majority resolution. We must have the signature of the president to become a state. We want to take the proper steps to get that signature."

Would Mr. Smith have the people of Arizona believe that the effect of Delegate Cameron in behalf of prop-

steps to secure statehood is treason? Seemingly so. He would probably advise that Delegate Cameron exhortate Champ Clark and other democrats in the house. This procedure met with such splendid success when the ex-delegate tried it on Uncle Joe Cannon.

If there are any friends of Mr. Smith who can find an excuse for his criticism of Ralph Cameron, it might be they can also offer some apology for his absence from the field of battle ever since the enabling act was passed. Did Mr. Smith help one tiny bit in securing a constitution for Arizona? Has he ever been heard from in this statehood fight until "after earnest solicitation" he departed for Washington a few weeks ago?

I would also take issue with the Democrat concerning the following editorial paragraph about Mark Smith's letter: "The letter of Mark Smith, published in the Democrat today, is the first real news that the people of Arizona have had on this statehood business since the bill has been before congress." What is the real news contained in Mr. Smith's letter? He says the resolution was passed in the house by a vote of 214 to 57. The Associated Press dispatches told us the resolution was passed by a viva voce vote. The ex-delegate also tells of his great work with Senator Bailey. Is this news? Have the facts not been published in Arizona before? Perish the thought that Mr. Smith secured his information concerning Senator Bailey's attitude from the following paragraph in the Washington Times of May 24th: "Senator Bailey will vote against the resolution, but he will not make the fight which he threatened to make at the outset when the recall proposition in the Arizona constitution first stirred up feeling in the senate."

In weighing the value and truthfulness of Mr. Smith's statements concerning Delegate Cameron and his position on the two resolutions, the people of the territory will consider the source of the comment. From Mr. Cameron's speech in the house on the day the resolution was passed in full in The Republican, we find the following: "We want this minority report because it seems sure of a smooth passage through congress and sure of the signature of the president."

Further defining his position, Mr. Cameron said: "Our people want statehood. They are not interested in the splitting of hairs over some particular phase or some minor point in the constitution under which they are admitted. They have made this constitution easy of amendment and if its provisions are not found to be satisfactory, they may be changed. The people of Arizona want to waive all this bother about small matters and get down to business. They want to be admitted into the Union now. Now we have this majority report which will further embarrass us in our hopes. The minority report will allow us to reach our goal with greater ease. We would therefore prefer that you remove for all time this troublesome appendix of our constitution and allow us to come into that health and vigor to which we are entitled."

Can any fair minded citizen of Arizona question the sincerity of Mr. Cameron or the position he has taken for statehood. He thinks (and all indications are that his judgment is correct), the president will sign the minority resolution and that he would not approve the majority resolution, for which reason our delegate advocated the removal of "this troublesome appendix" in order that we may be admitted to statehood at once.

In closing his letter Mr. Smith says: "The whole question resolves itself at last into whether we can get a vote in the senate." Now isn't that a marvelous piece of news? Every school boy in Arizona knows that the senate has always been the bar to statehood, yet the Democrat tells the people it is "the only real statehood news we have received."

Respectfully,
A CITIZEN.
Phoenix, Ariz., May 31.

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